Constitution which prohibits transfer of earmarked tribal lands to non-tribals, to overcome the related disability arising out of the Supreme Court Judgement, given in 1997, over the issue of mining in Andhra Pradesh tribal areas by non-tribals;

(b) if so, the present status of consideration of the proposal;

(c) whether some State Governments have approached the Central Government or their views have been ascertained; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposals received and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, questions do not arise.

Illegal trading in chrome ore by TISCO

3615. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Mines has received any proposal from the Orissa Government for cancellation of trading of chrome ore by TISCO from the Sukinda Chromite Mines, since 406 hectares of chromite mines was leased out to TISCO for their captive consumption, in pursuance of the recommendation of Sharma Committee set up by Government and direction by the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, the reasons for which the Ministry has not yet approved the proposal to stop illegal trading of chrome ore by TISCO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Ministry of Mines, in June 2001, received a proposal from the State Government of Orissa seeking Central Govt.'s approval for imposing a special condition on M/s. TISCO Ltd. in respect of captive use of chrome ore by TISCO under Rule 27(3) of Mineral Concession Rule, 1960.

(b) The Central Government's decision on the proposal has already been conveyed to the Government of Orissa. The proposal could not be considered by the Central Government as the second renewal of mining lease deed was executed between the State Government and TISCO on 15.5.1998.